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In re application of: Tsuyoshi Nishiwaki et al.

Serial No.: 10/780,257

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For: MIDSOLE INCLUDING CUSHIONING STRUCTURE

Examiner: Stashick, Anthony D.

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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action on the above-identified application dated December 01, 2005 and a telephone conference call with the Examiner on March 14, 2006. The time period for response extends to April 01, 2006. The previously submitted amendment of January 25, 2006, was not entered and in view of the conference call with the Examiner is hereby withdrawn.

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In the Application:

Page 1, after the Title insert the following:

-- Related Applications:

This application is a continuation application of US Serial Number 10/132,013 filed on 04/25/2002 which claims the foreign priority of the following Japanese applications: Serial Number 2001-141157 filed on May 11, 2001, 2001-198609 filed on June 29, 2001 and 2002-63522 filed on April 8, 2002. The entire disclosures of all of these applications are incorporated herein by reference. --